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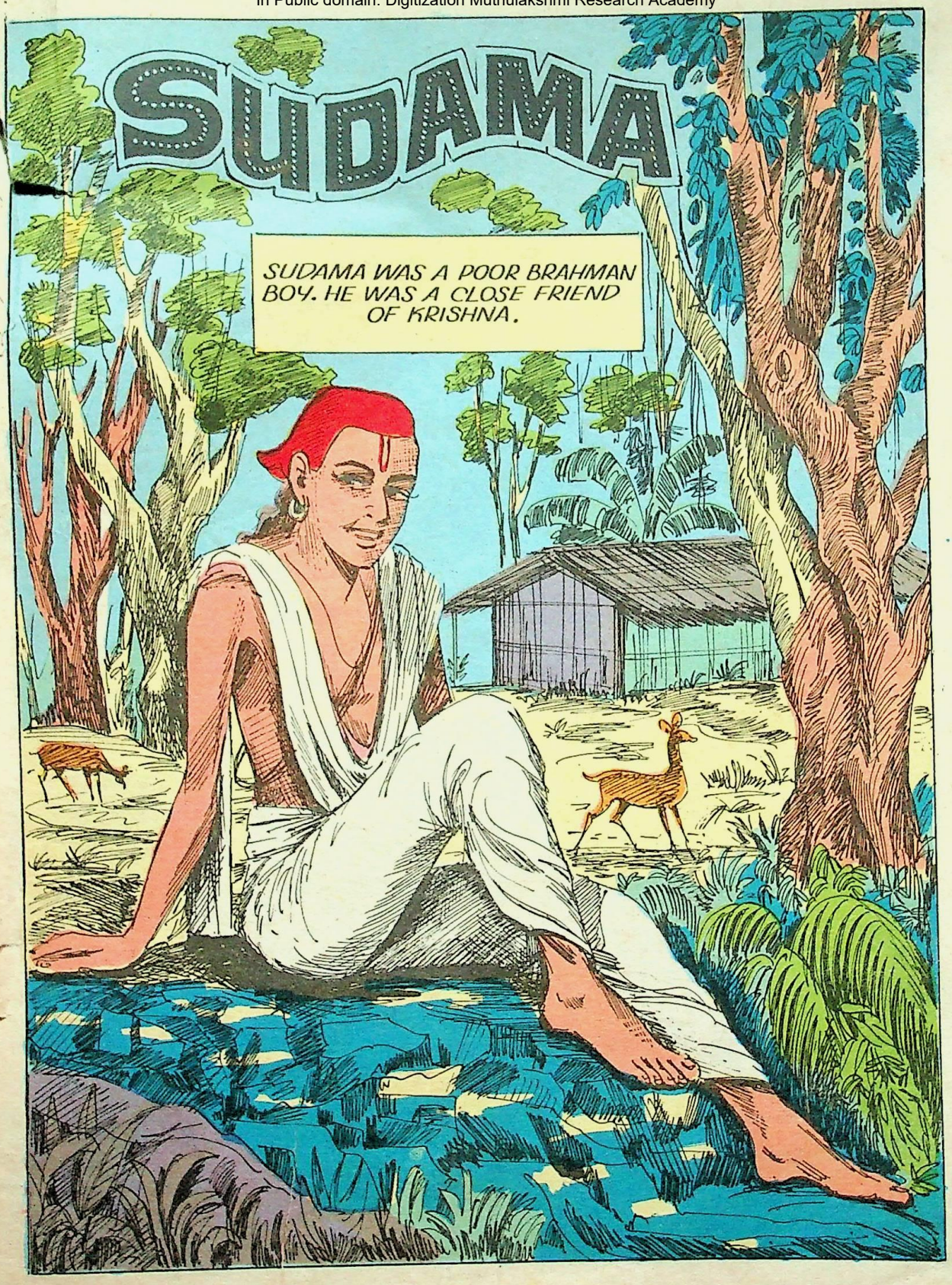

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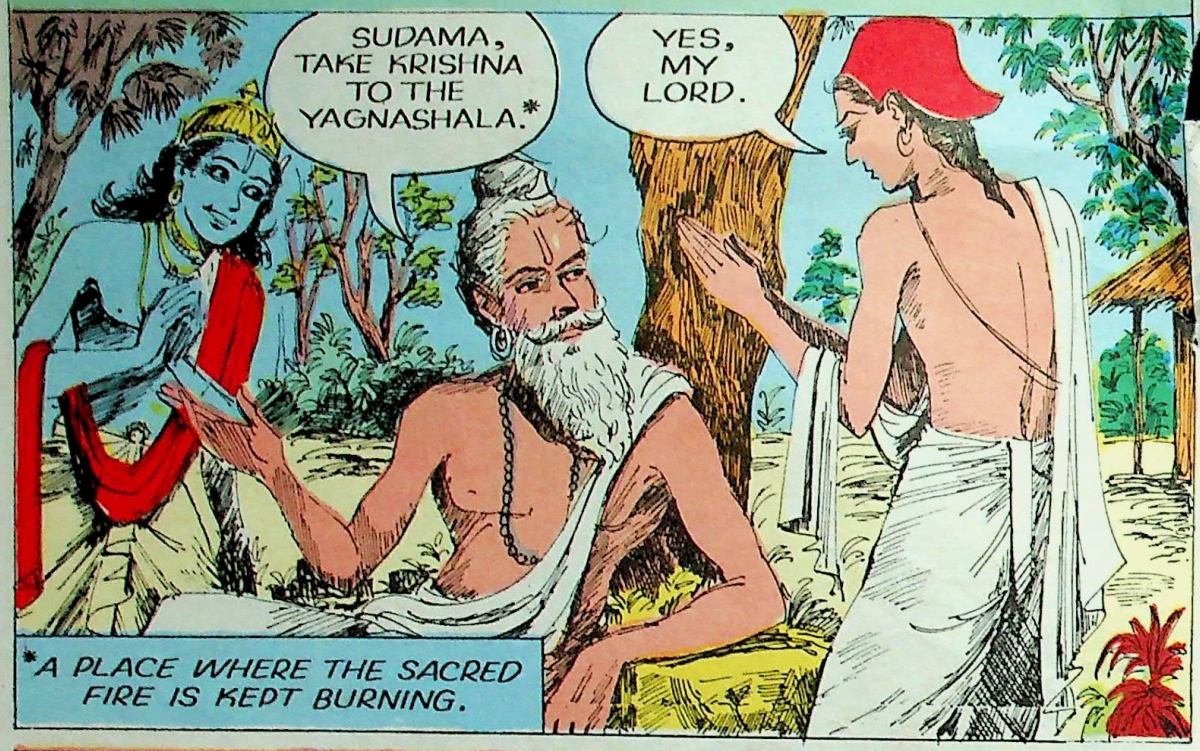
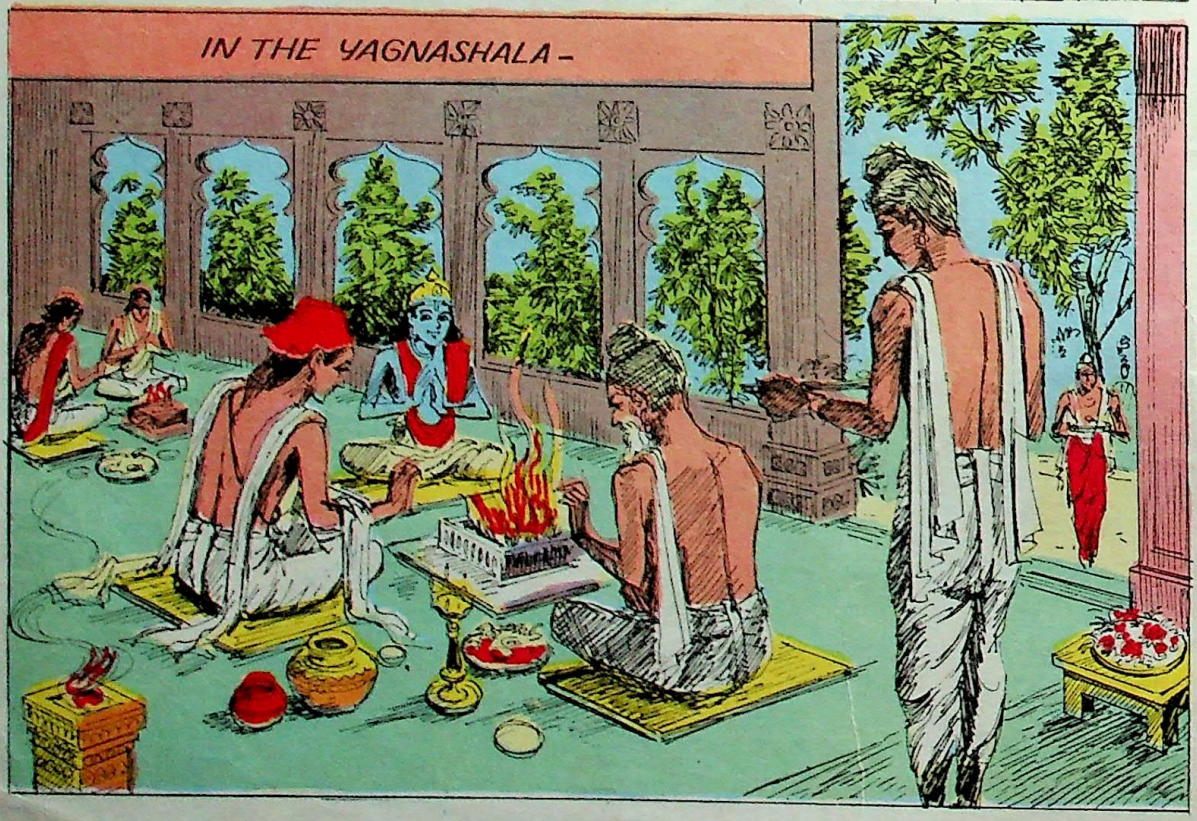
SUDAMA AND KRISHNA HAD MET IN GURU SANDIPANI'S ASHRAM.





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YOUR RENDERING OF THE VEDIC HYMNS IS ALMOST PERFECT.

I HAVE GOT IT FROM MY FATHER. GURU SANDIPANI AND HE WERE GOOD FRIENDS.

SUDAMA OFTEN PRACTISED WITH KRISHNA.

ONE DAY, SANDIPANI'S WIFE CALLED THE BOYS TO HER.

WILL YOU GO AND BRING ME SOME FIREWOOD FROM THE FOREST?

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SOON AFTER THEY ENTERED THE FOREST...

...A TERRIBLE STORM BROKE OUT.

AT LAST THE STORM CLEARED, BUT NIGHT HAD FALLEN.

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WHEN THE BOYS DID NOT RETURN –

I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE BOYS. I WILL GO AND LOOK FOR THEM.

GURU SANDIPANI FOUND THE BOYS AFTER A LONG SEARCH.

LIFE IS DEAR TO ALL AND YET YOU HAVE DISREGARDED THAT LIFE FOR MY SAKE...

AND HE GRANTED THEM A BOON.

YOU WILL NOT LOSE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE VEDAS IN THIS WORLD OR THE NEXT.

AT LAST THE PERIOD OF THEIR STUDIES WAS OVER.

TOMORROW WE PART AND GO OUR WAYS.

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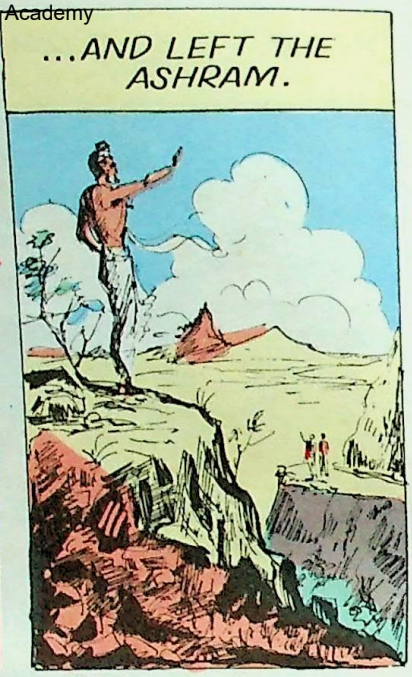

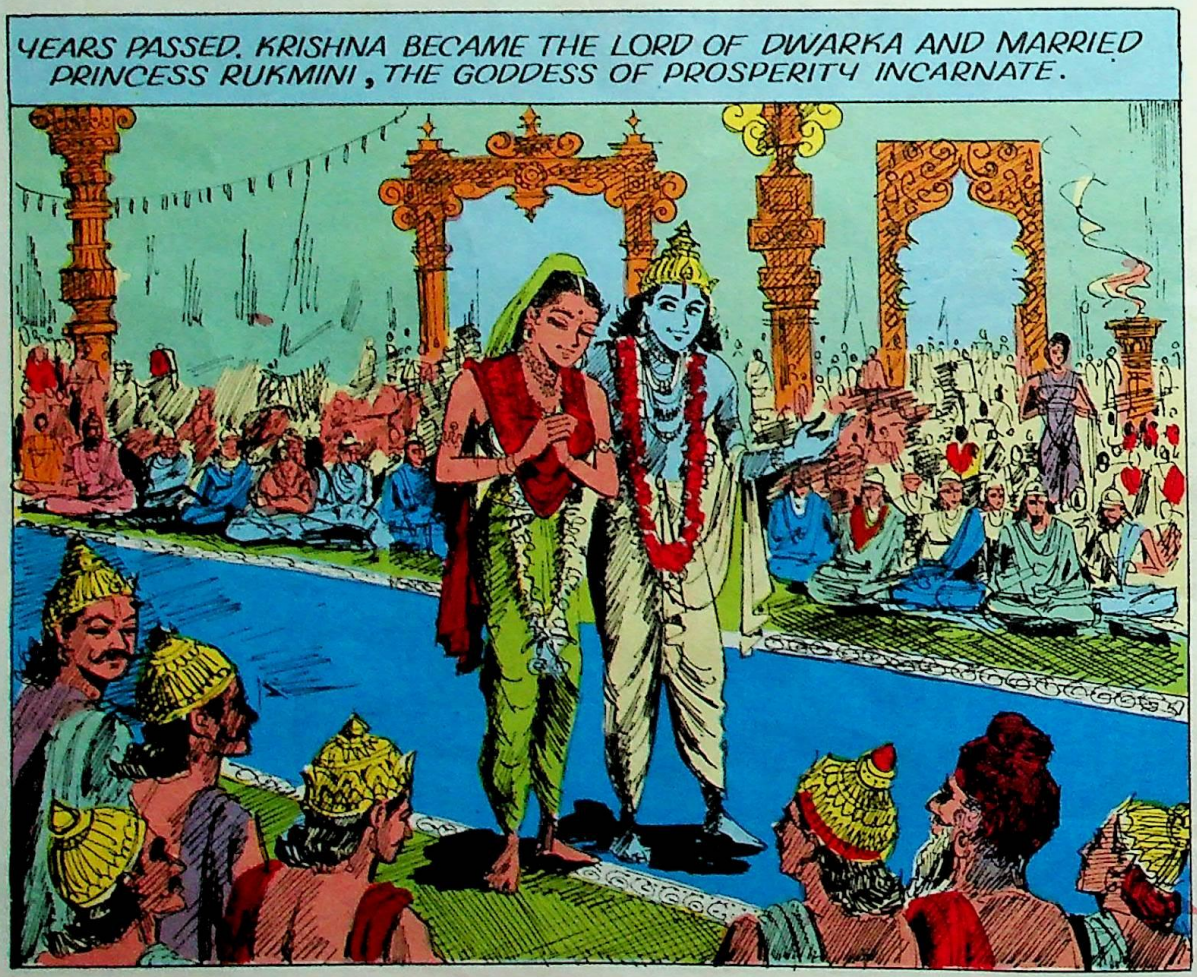

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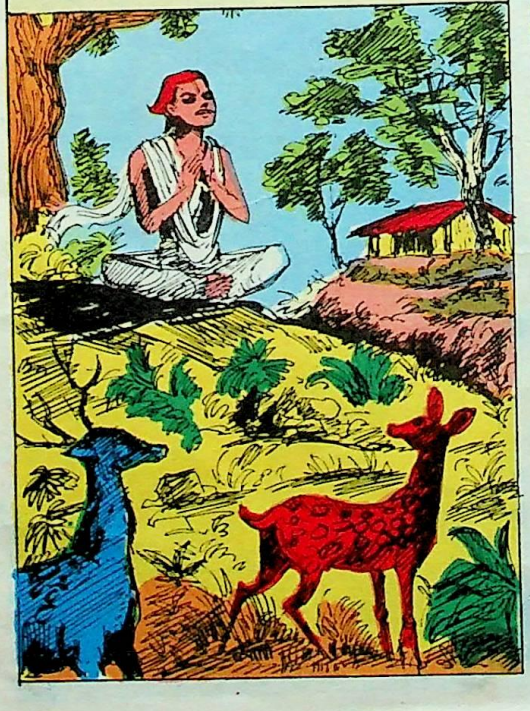
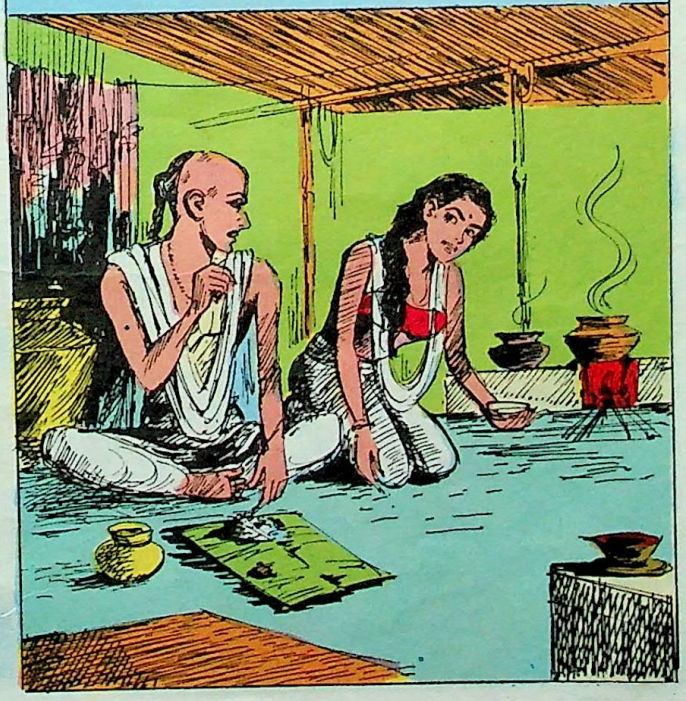
SUDAMA MARRIED A BRAHMAN GIRL.

HE DID NOT CARE FOR WORLDLY PLEASURES...



...AND LIVED IN DIRE POVERTY.



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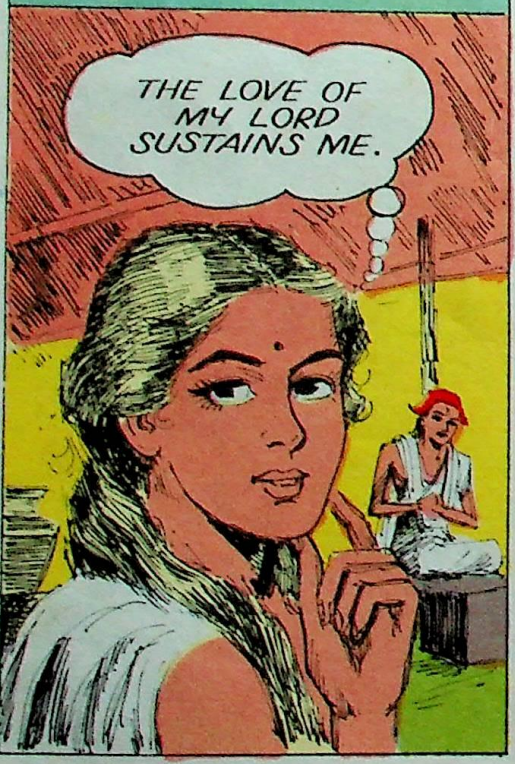
EVERYONE LOVED SUDAMA AND HE HAD NO ENEMIES.

BUT HIS WIFE WAS SORELY TRIED BY THE LIFE SHE HAD TO LEAD.

SHE PATIENTLY BORE IT ALL...



...FOR SHE LOOKED UPON SUDAMA AS HER GOD.

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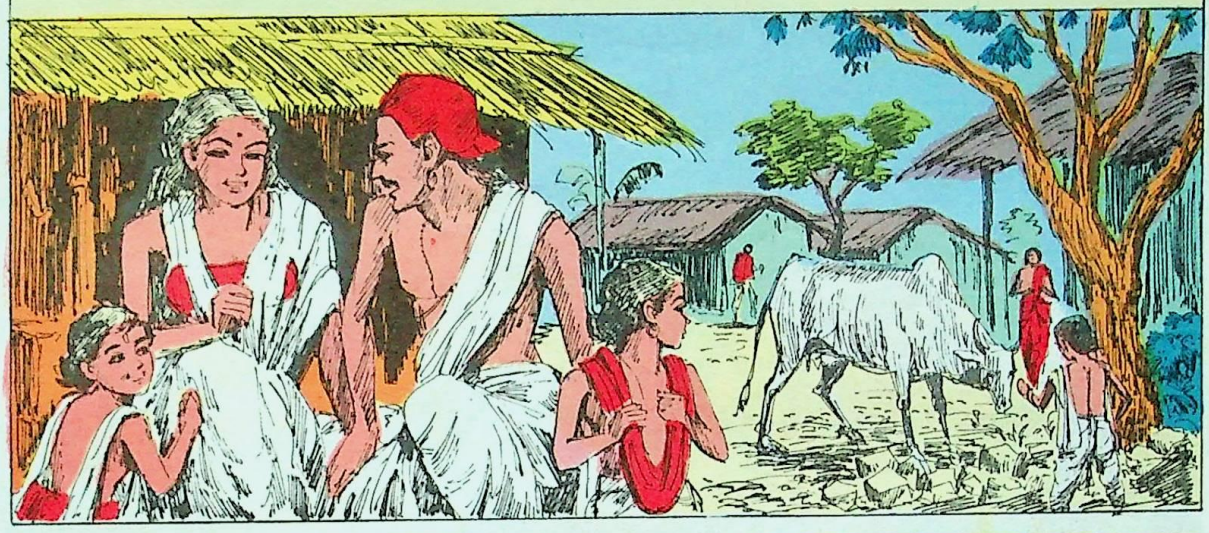
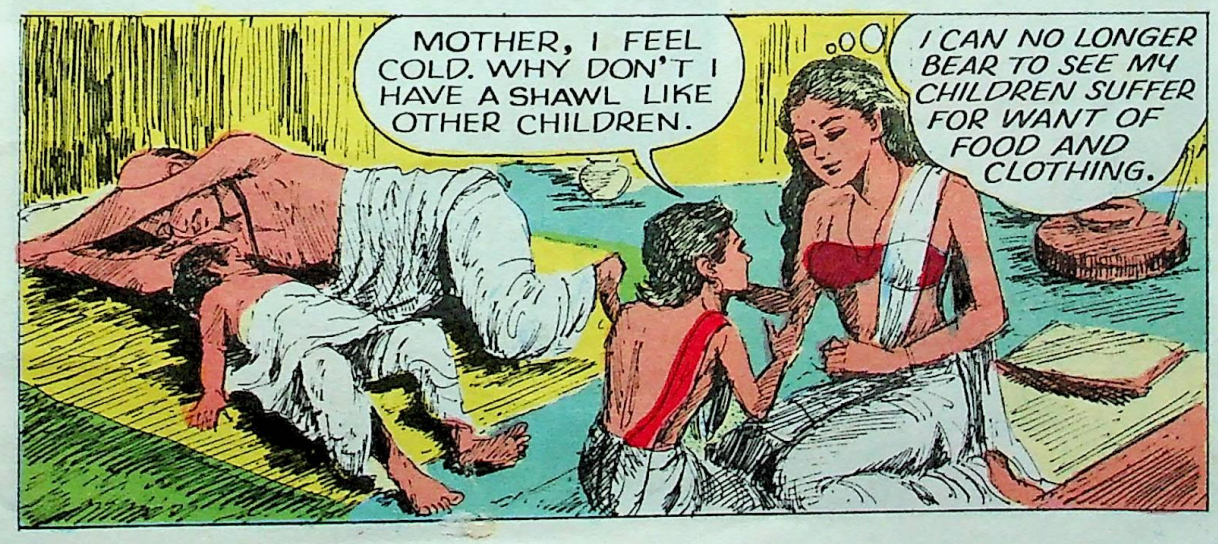
SOON CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM AND THE CHILDREN TOO HAD TO LEAD AN AUSTERE LIFE.





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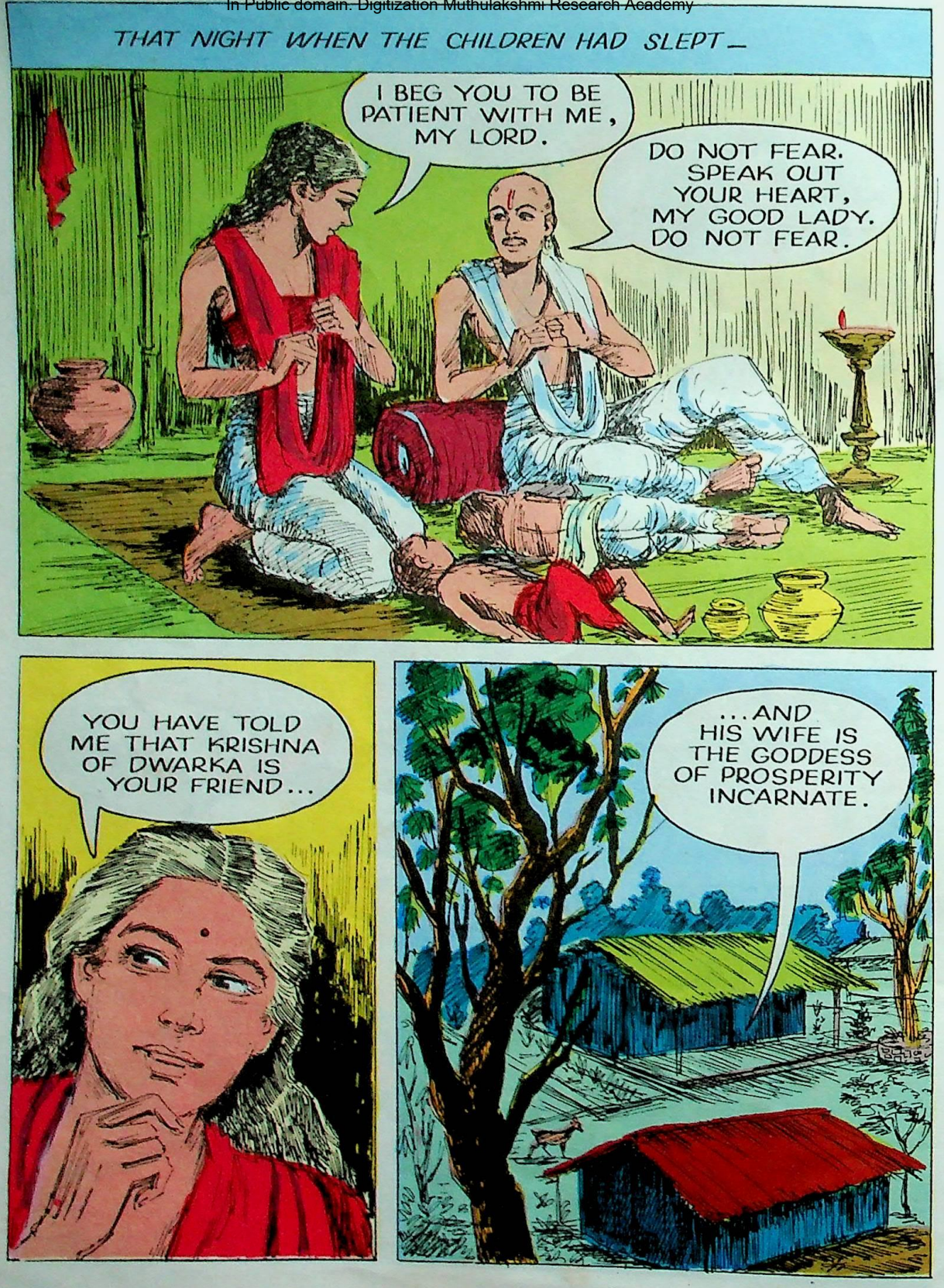

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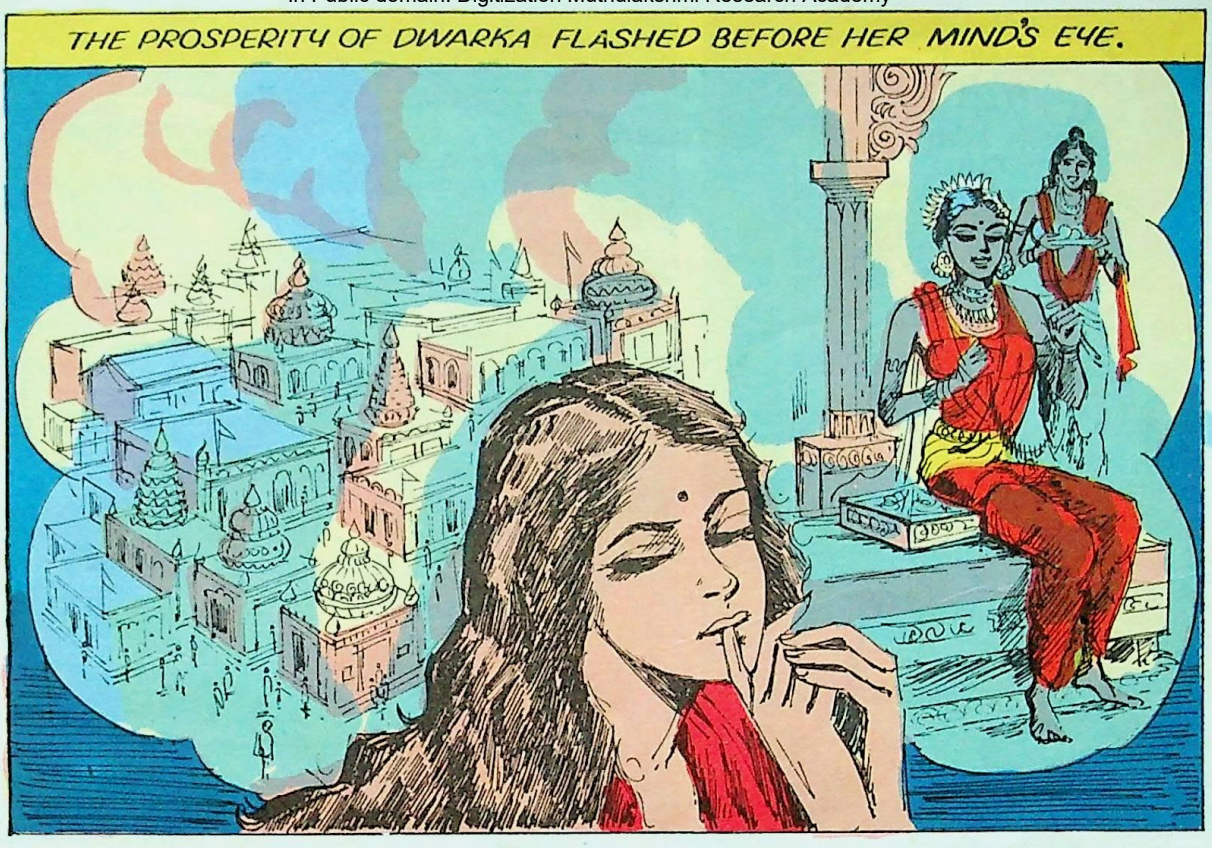

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ONE THOUGHT OCCURRED TO BOTH OF THEM AT THE SAME TIME.

I CANNOT SEND MY HUSBAND EMPTY-HANDED.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN THE HOUSE? ANYTHING WORTHY OF BEING PRESENTED TO KRISHNA?

SUDAMA'S WIFE SUDDENLY REMEMBERED SOMETHING.

MY LORD USED TO TELL ME HOW KRISHNA LOVED TO EAT **POWA***.

*FLATTENED RICE.

SUDAMA TOO REMEMBERED HOW KRISHNA HAD SNATCHED SOME POWA FROM HIS HAND.

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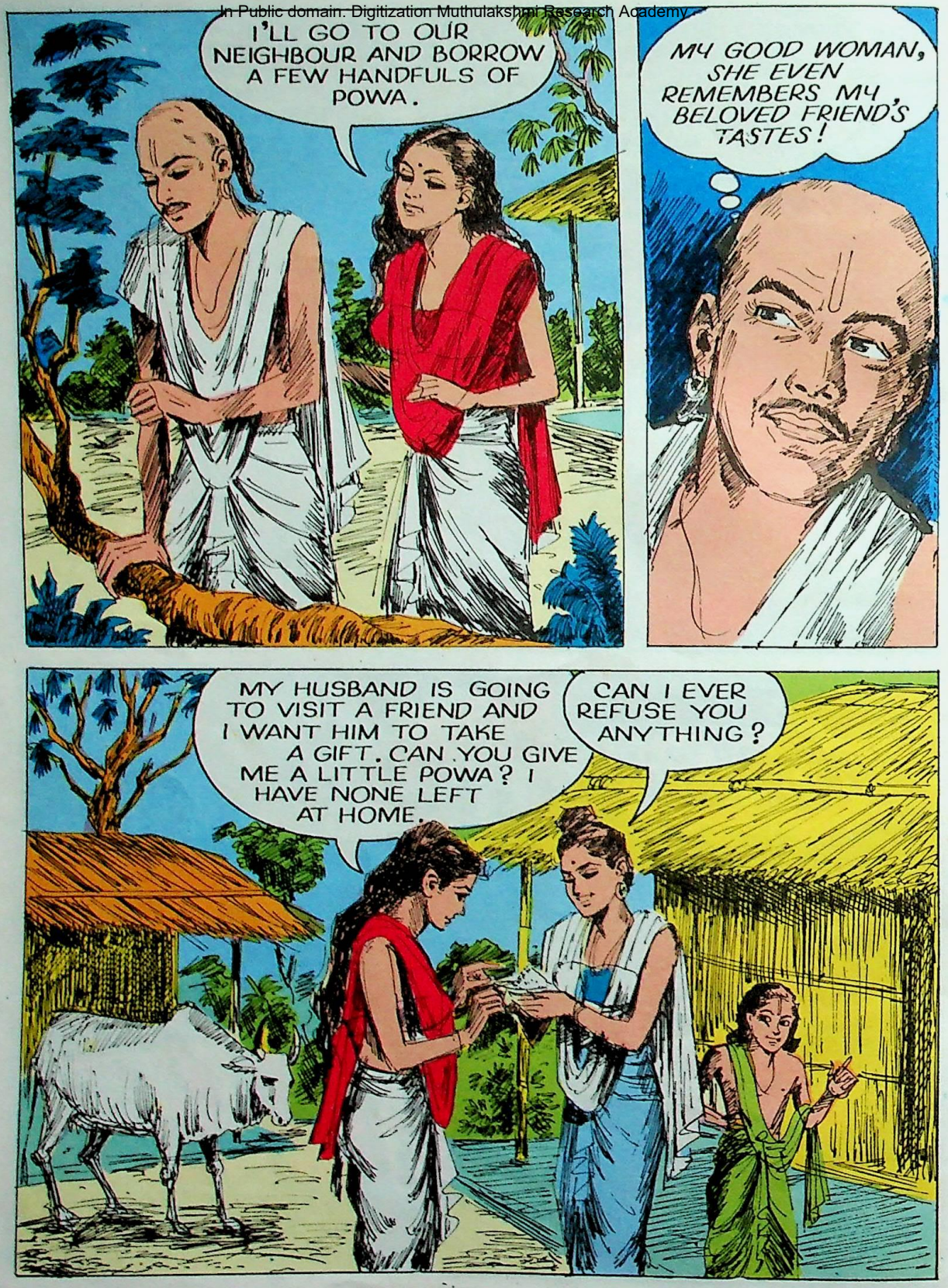

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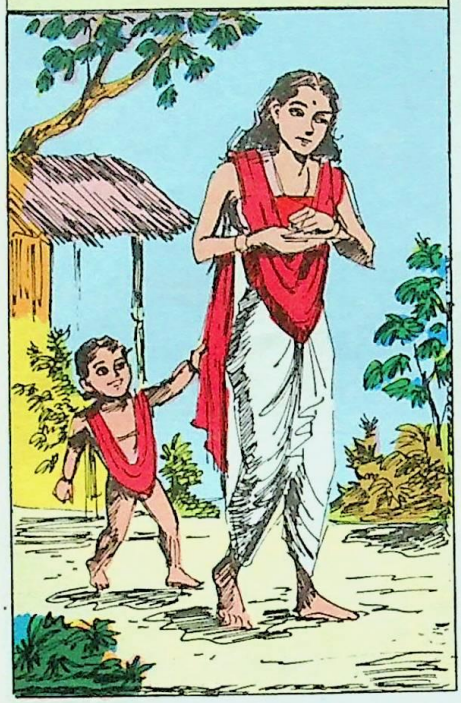
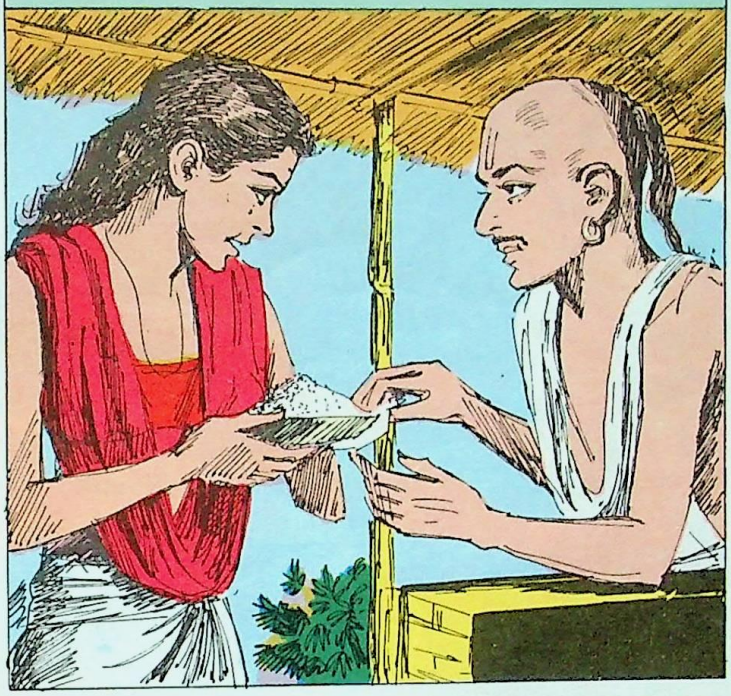
SUDAMA'S WIFE BROUGHT THE POWA TO HIM.



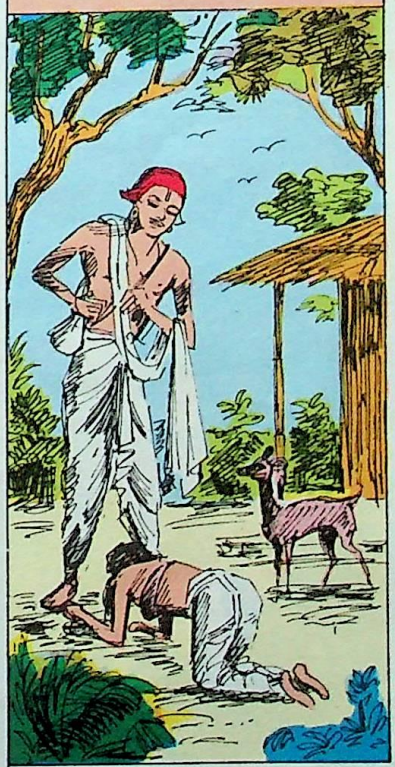
BUT SHE COULD FIND NOTHING TO TIE IT IN SO...



SHE TORE THE END OF HER GARMENT...

...AND HANDED THE BUNDLE OF POWA TO SUDAMA.

HE TOOK LEAVE OF HIS WIFE...



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...AND SET OUT ON THE JOURNEY TO DWARKA.

THE ROUTE WAS AN INTERESTING, THOUGH LONG ONE.

AND BEFORE HE KNEW IT, HE HAD REACHED DWARKA.

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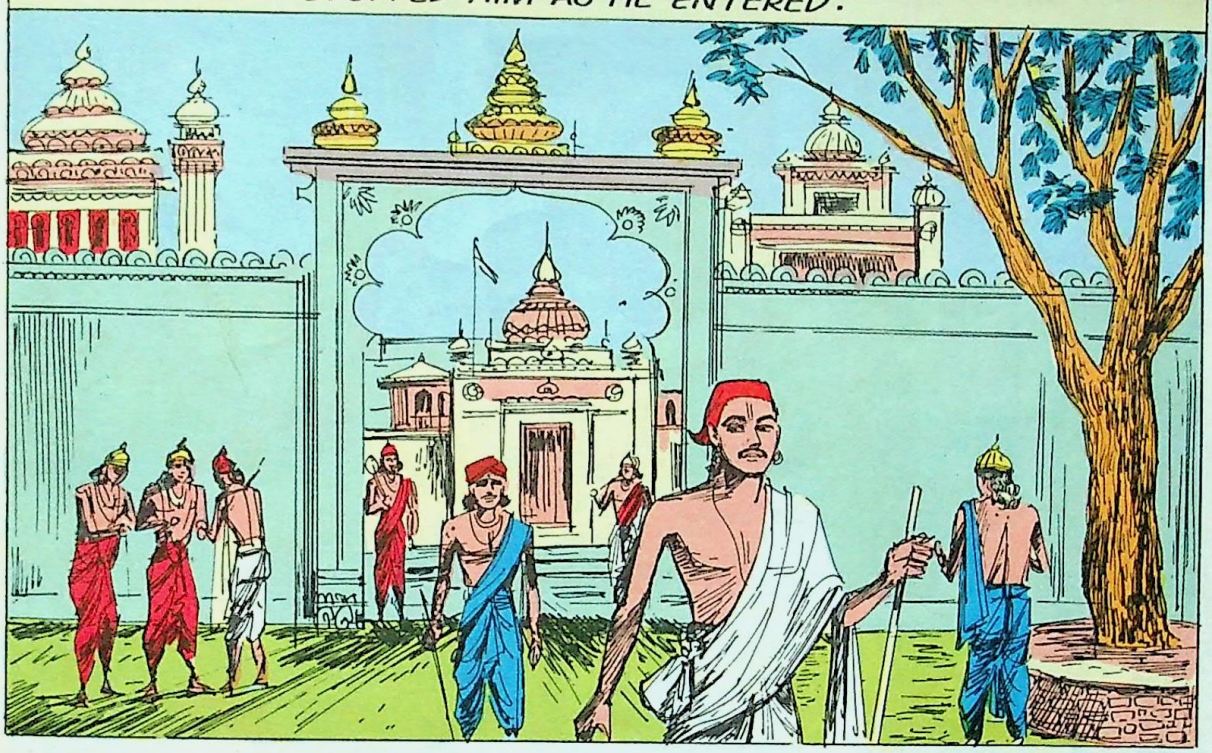
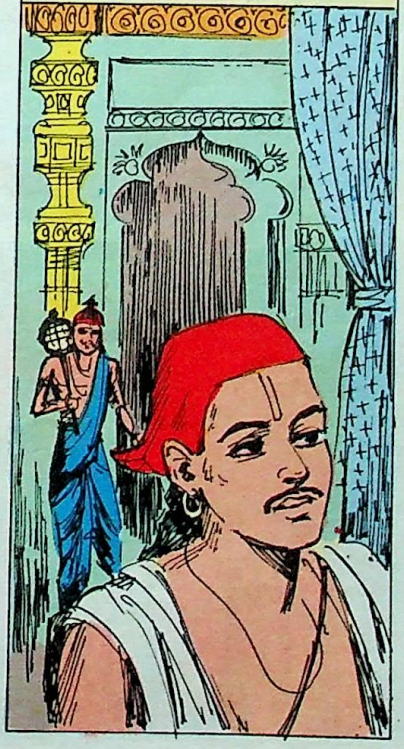
WHEN HE CAME TO THE OPEN GATES OF THE PALACE AT DWARKA, NO ONE STOPPED HIM AS HE ENTERED.



HE WALKED INTO THE PALACE GROUNDS

...AND THROUGH ROOM..

..AFTER ROOM.



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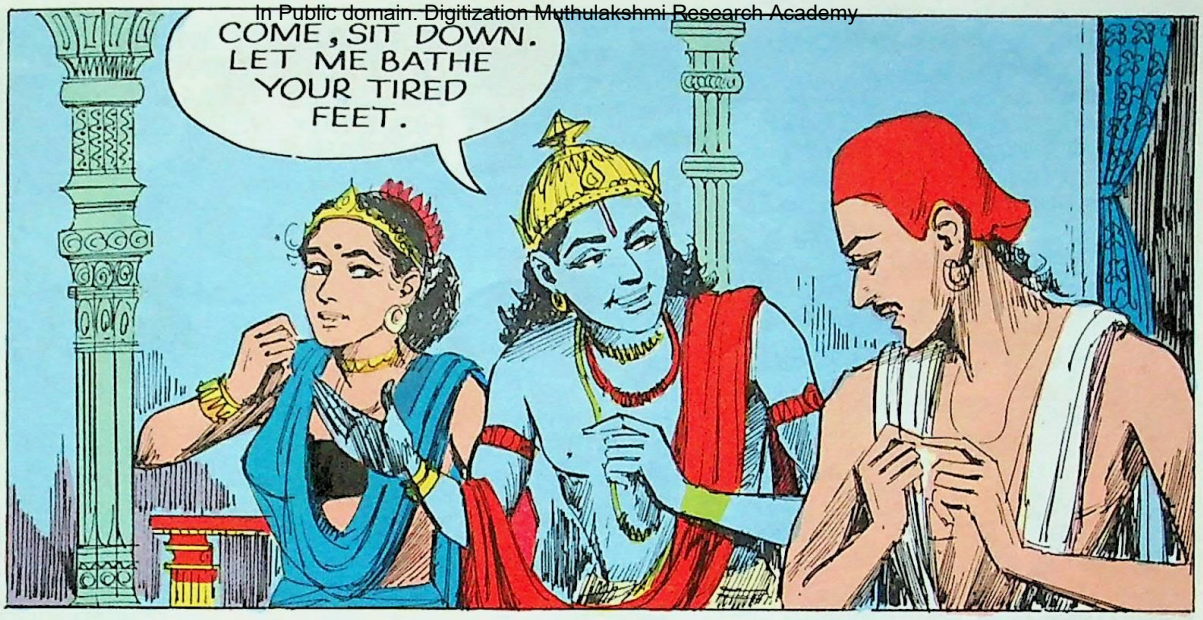

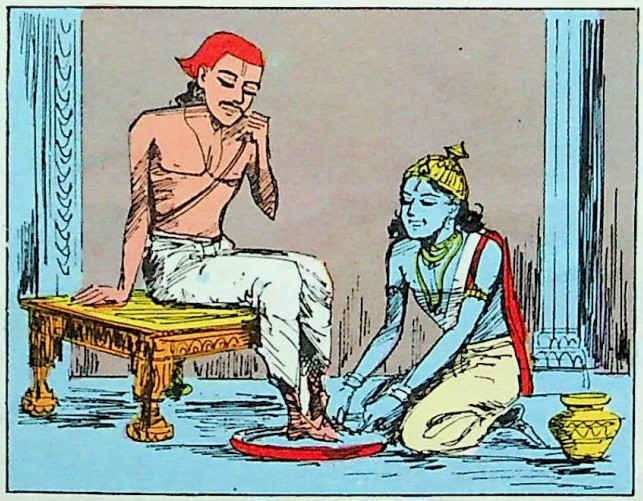

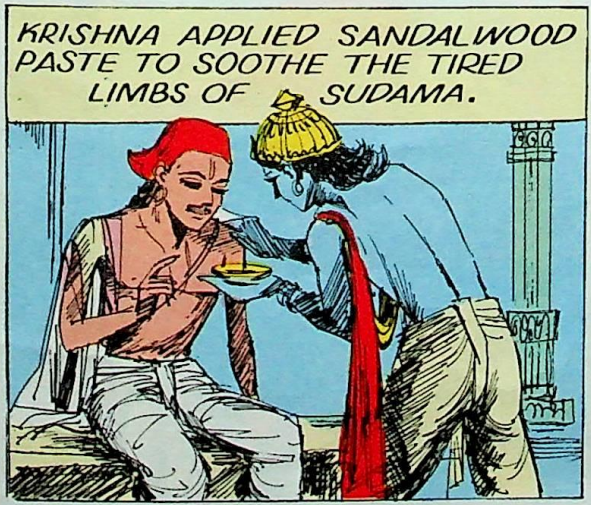

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THE PALACE ATTENDANTS WONDERED.

WHAT GREAT ACT OF MERIT HAS THIS DIRTY BEGGAR IN TATTERED GARMENTS PERFORMED TO BE SO DELIGHTFULLY WELCOMED?

RUKMINI, WE MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE HIS STAY HERE COMFORTABLE.

AT LAST AFTER SUDAMA WAS REFRESHED -

TELL ME, HAVE YOU MARRIED?

YES, MY WIFE IS A GOOD BRAHMAN WOMAN.

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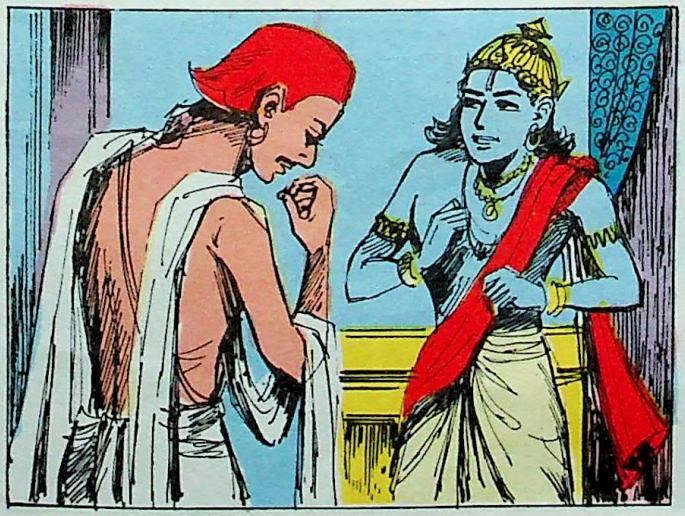

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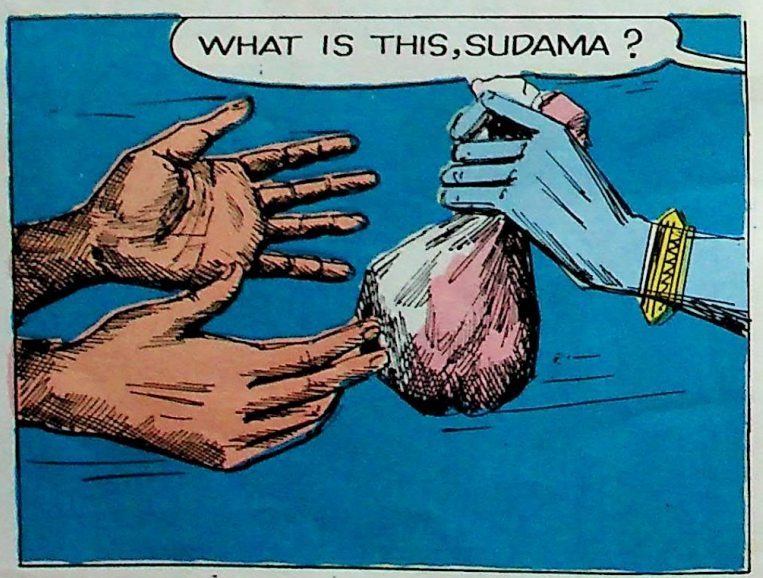

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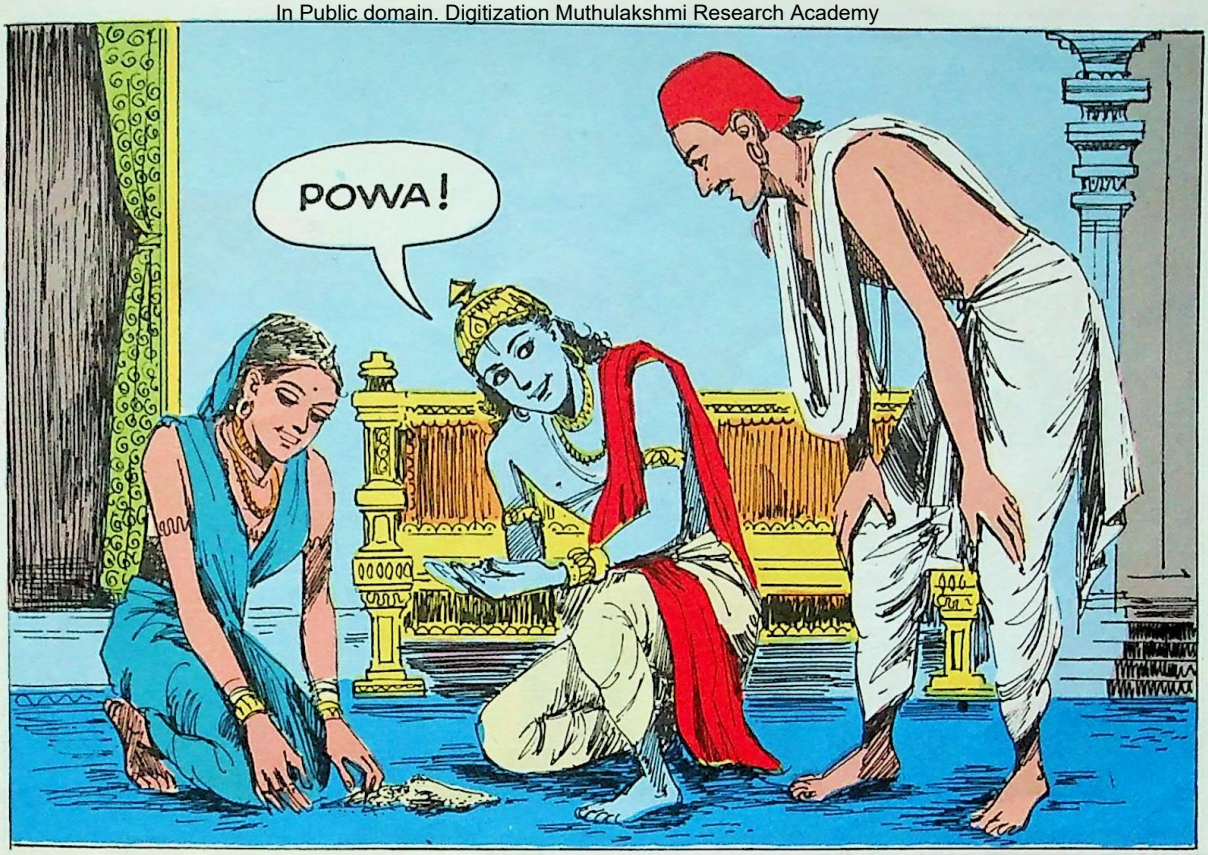

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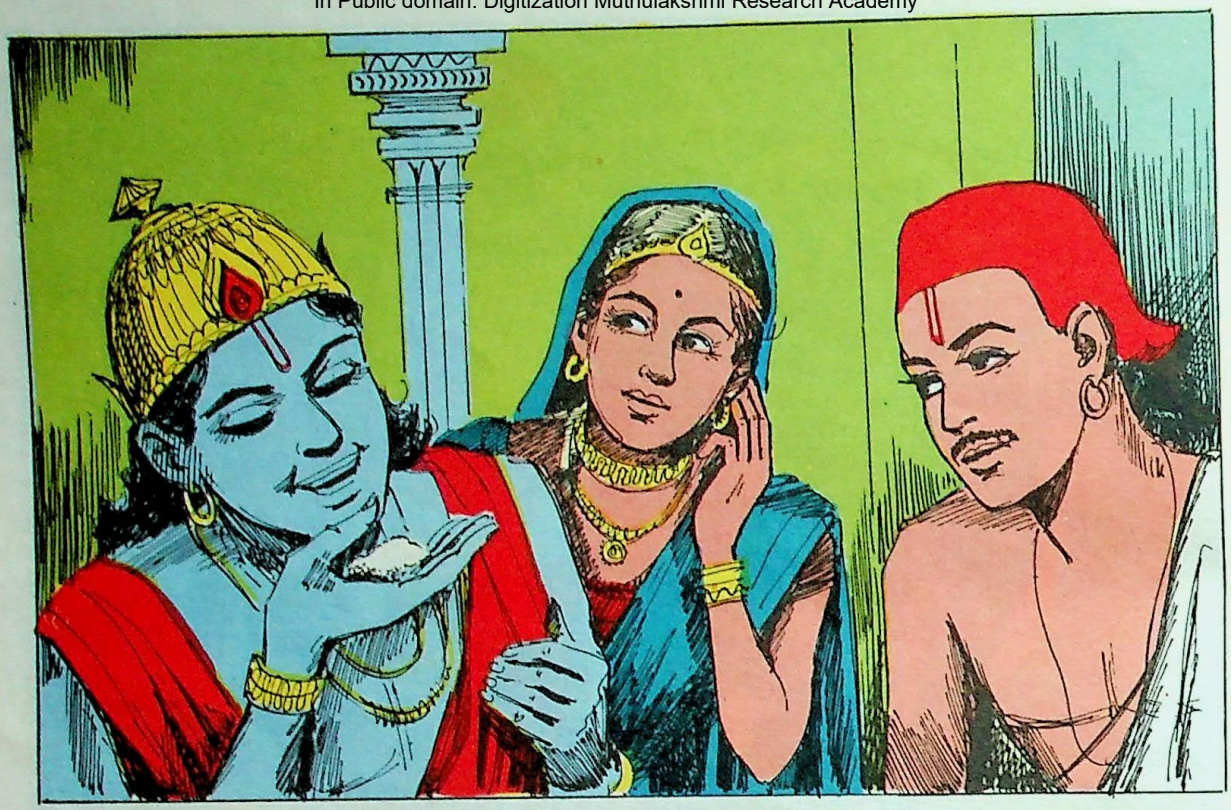

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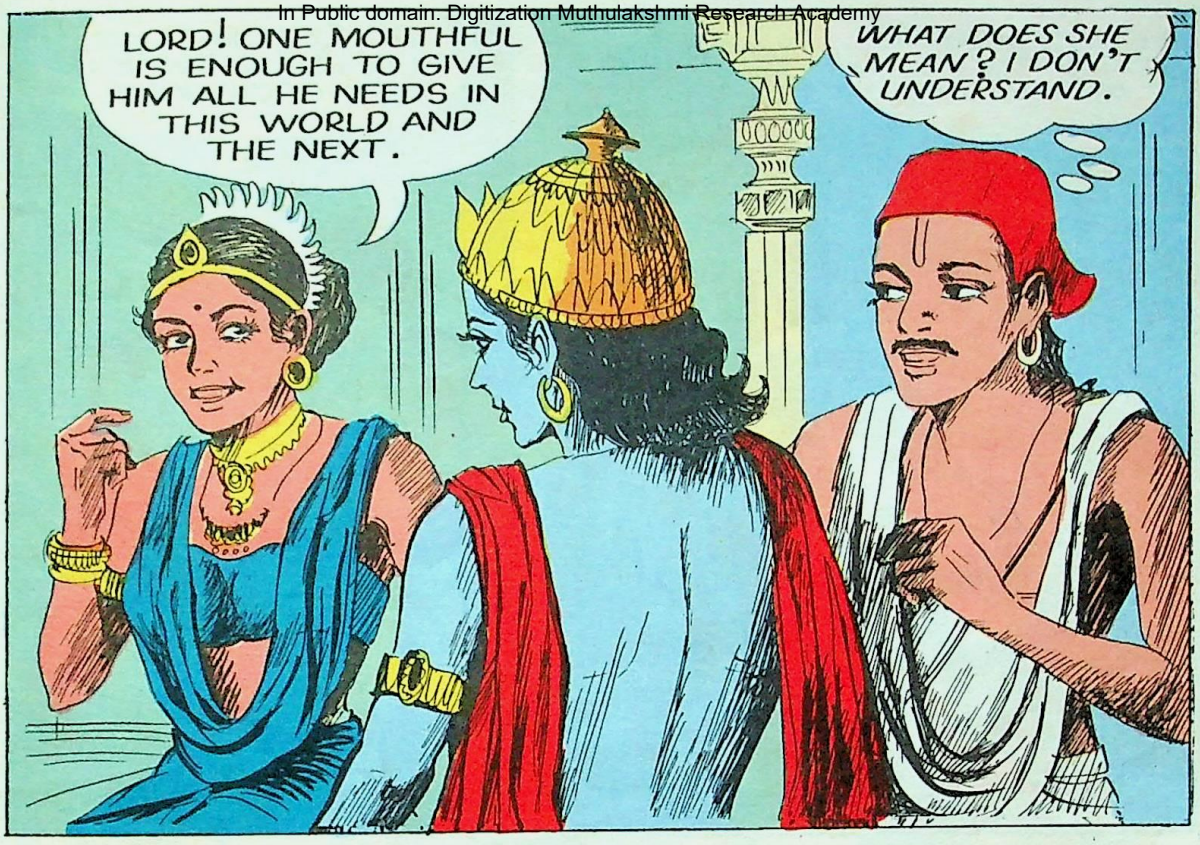

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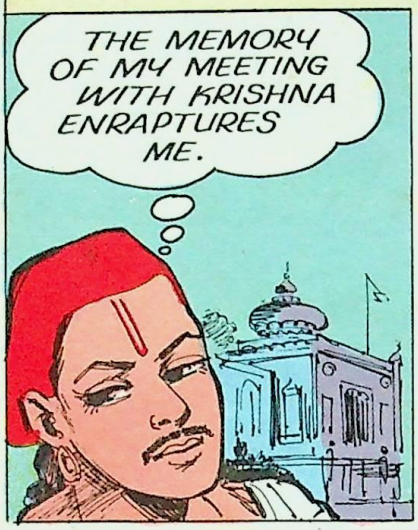
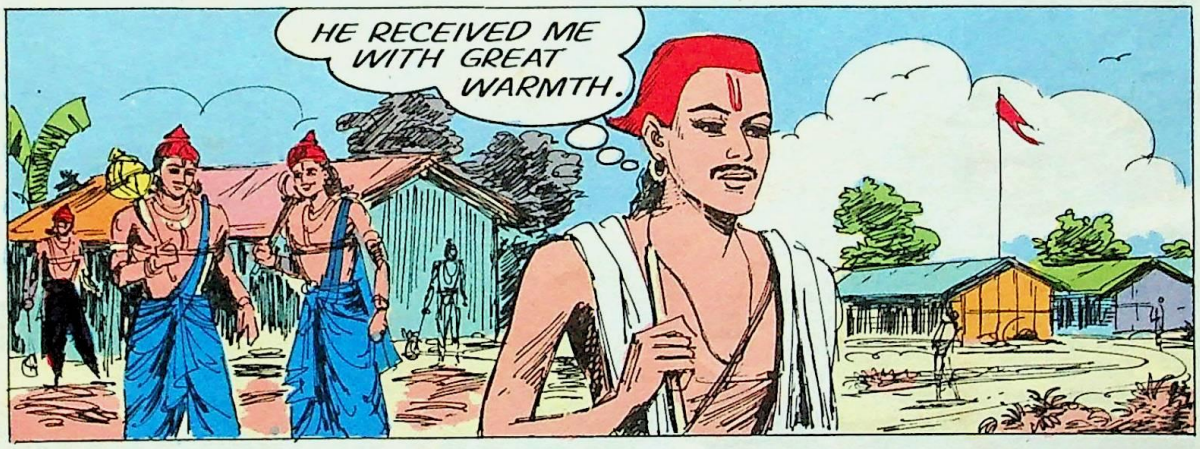
ON HIS WAY HOME, SUDAMA RELIVED HIS RECENT EXPERIENCES.





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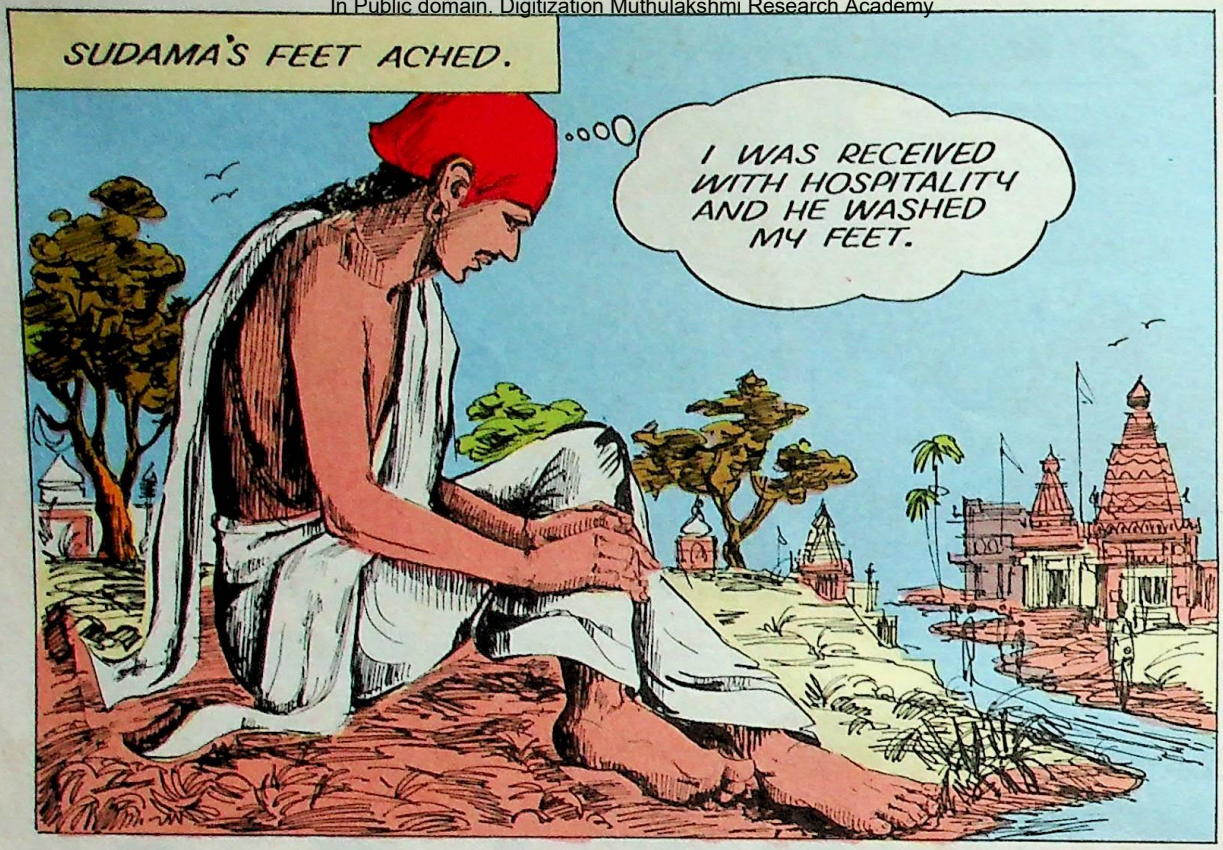

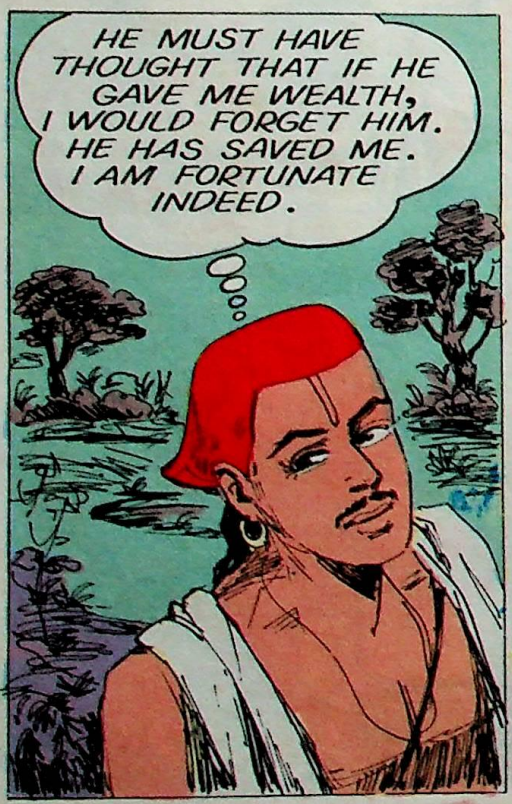

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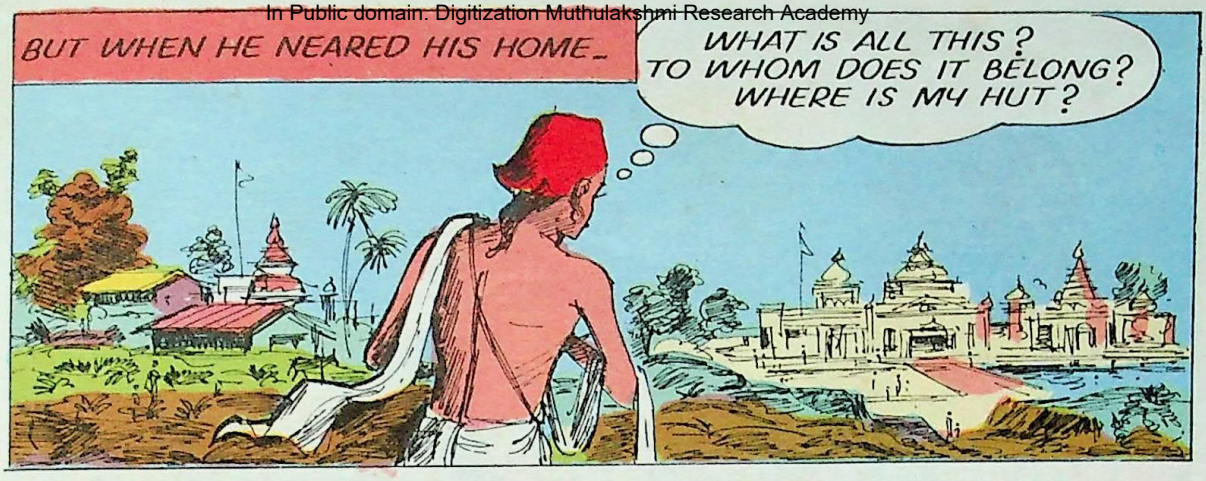

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SUDAMA'S WIFE AND CHILDREN CAME OUT TO RECEIVE HIM. BUT-

MY LORD, DON'T YOU RECOGNISE ME?

FATHER, LOOK AT MY NEW CLOTHES.

AND SUDAMA UNDERSTOOD ALL.

FOR A HANDFUL OF POWA GIVEN WITH LOVE, HE HAS SHOWERED ME WITH RICHES.

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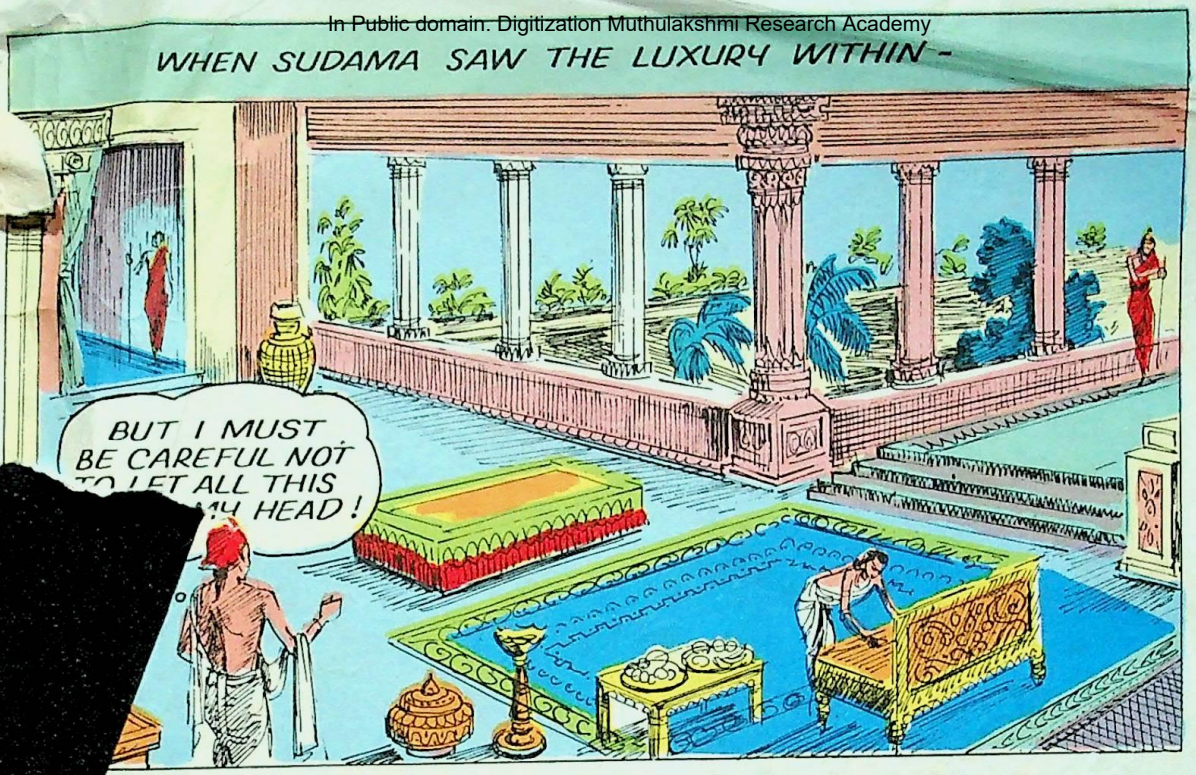
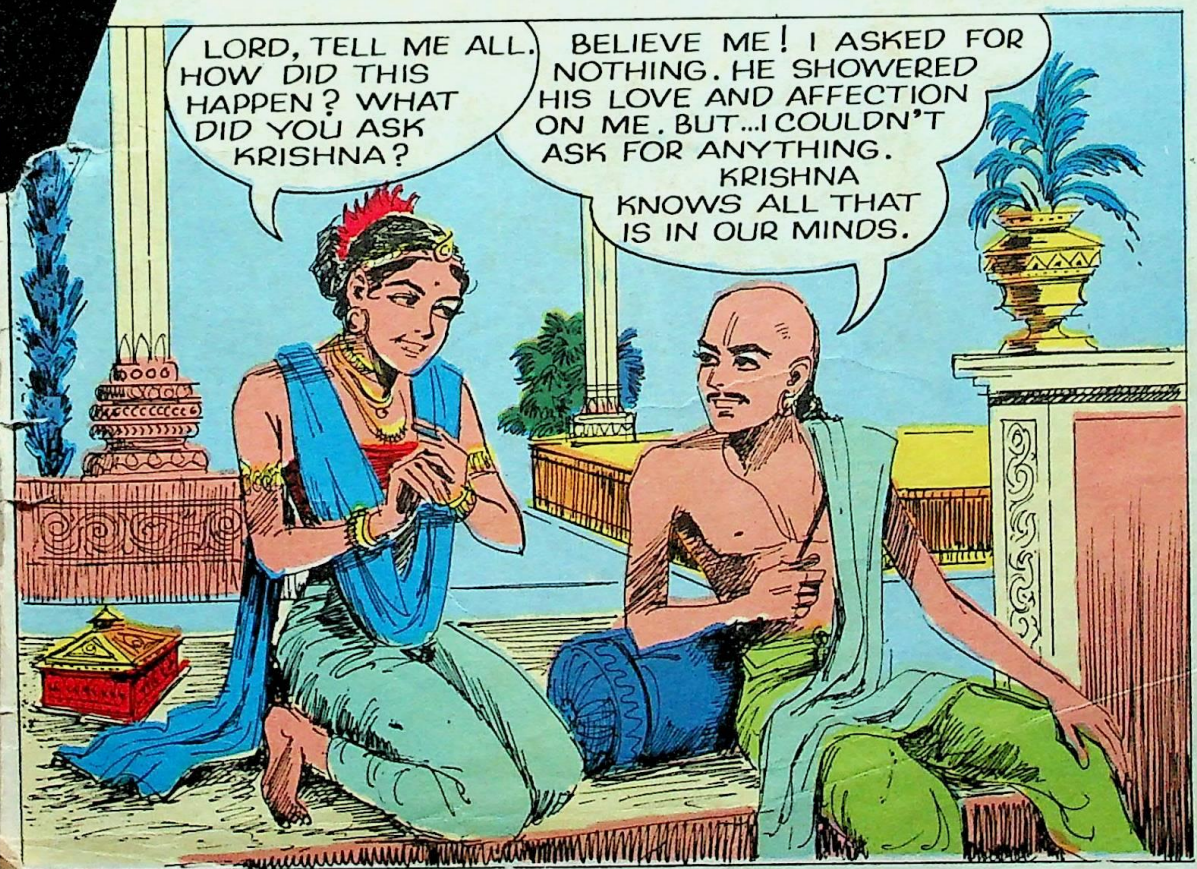
WHEN SUDAMA SAW THE LUXURY WITHIN -





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AND THEY TALKED ENDLESSLY ABOUT THE GLORY AND GREATNESS OF LORD KRISHNA.